IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JAMES EDWARD THOMAS,

No. C 08-01778 SBA (PR)

Petitioner,

ORDER DIRECTING PAYMENT OF FILING FEE OR FILING OF IN FORMA PAUPERIS APPLICATION

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JAMES WALKER, Warden,

Respondent.

Petitioner has filed a <u>pro se</u> petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. However, Petitioner has not paid the requisite \$5.00 filing fee or filed an application for leave to proceed <u>in forma pauperis</u> (hereinafter "IFP"). The Court cannot conduct an initial review of this matter until Petitioner has either paid the filing fee or completed an IFP application. <u>See</u> 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) (a party is permitted to file a civil action in federal court without prepayment of

fees or security if he makes an affidavit that he is unable to pay such fees or give security therefor).

Accordingly, Petitioner shall pay the requisite \$5.00 filing fee in this action no later than **thirty (30) days** from the date of this Order. He shall include with his payment a clear indication that it is for the above-referenced case number, C 08-01778 SBA (PR). In the event that Petitioner is unable to pay the filing fee, he shall submit an IFP application, trust account statement and certificate of funds no later than **thirty (30) days** from the date of this Order. Failure to pay the filing fee or file the requisite documents within the thirty-day deadline shall result in dismissal of this action.

The Clerk of the Court shall send Petitioner a blank prisoner IFP application form along with his copy of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

26 DATED: 5/29/08

SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG United States District Judge

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